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MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGALLY REENTERING THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING DEPORTATION

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – Jose Guadalupe Reyes-Infante, 48, of Mexico, pleaded guilty yesterday before United States District Judge Irene C. Berger, to illegally reentering the country. On December 30, 2010, the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department arrested Reyes-Infante on state burglary charges. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) became aware that Reyes-Infante was incarcerated and that he had entered the United States without permission due to a previous conviction.

On or about February 11, 1983, the defendant was convicted in Harris County District Court in Houston, Texas, of an aggravated felony offense of attempting to commit homicide of a police officer and was ordered to be deported on or about June 7, 1989. On or about November 28, 1988, Reyes-Infante was apprehended at or near Huntsville, Texas and was subsequently removed in April 1992.

Reyes-Infante faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced on August 11, 2011. The defendant will also face deportation proceedings at the conclusion of sentencing.

The West Virginia State Police and the Department of Homeland Security and the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Erik Goes is handling the prosecution.